

James Alexander Hamilton to Andrew Jackson, December 13, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL JAMES A. HAMILTON TO JACKSON.

New York, December 13, 1832.

My dear Sir. I receivd yesterday The Proclamation under your Frank for which very kind and flattering attention receive my thanks. The paper I have read again and again with extreme interest and pleasure. The whole is treated in a masterly manner but the elevated, cogent and clear views you have taken of the nature of the Government have afforded me the utmost satisfaction. Knowing that the end of the measures of S.C. must and is intended to be secession I have reflected a good deal on the subject and interchanged opinions with two of the soundest men in this City who both expressed opinions coincident with those you have taken without however sustaining them with as many and as strong grounds as vou have taken I trust in heaven the paper will be read by the People of South Carolina and that sinking into their hearts it may as it ought to do arest their mad career

Measures have been taken in this city to have a public meeting on Saturday next. It will be crowded and conducted in a manner to produce much effect. There will be strong resolutions against Nullification, in favor of carrying into effect the views expressed by you in your message in relation to the Tariff, In favor of the execution of the laws, denouncing foreign interference. And an address will be sent to you in which we pledge ourselves to sustain [you] in the Course you may pursue to preserve the Union. I pray God to preserve your life among other reasons that you may preserve this Union. . . .